

FACT SHEET

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO AIR TOXICS RULE FOR ORGANIC LIQUIDS DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES

ACTION

- On (Date), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed amendments to its rule to reduce emissions of toxic air pollutants from facilities that distribute organic liquids other than gasoline. The liquids contain compounds that are emitted as toxic air pollutants. Toxic air pollutants are known or suspected to cause cancer and other health problems.
- Organic liquid distribution occurs at organic chemical manufacturing facilities, petroleum refineries, liquid terminal facilities, crude oil pipeline pumping and temporary storage and distribution stations and other industrial facilities. At the distribution sites, trucks are loaded with organic liquids for delivery to companies who purchased the liquids.
- EPA published a national rule to limit emissions of toxic air pollutants from these operations in 2004. That rule is one of 96 rules called maximum achievable control technology (MACT) standards that require 174 industry sectors to eliminate 1.5 million tons per year of toxic air pollutants. Congress listed these toxic air pollutants in the Clean Air Act.
- The 1994 standards reduce emissions of toxic air pollutants by approximately 3,500 tons per year.
- EPA is proposing to amend portions of the Organic Liquid Distribution MACT in response to petitions for judicial review and for administrative reconsideration of the promulgated rule. Most of these proposed amendments are being made to clarify the final rule and to correct typographical errors.
- The proposed amendments would clarify the situation under which emissions from hoses and related equipments used to fill trucks with organic liquids require control, and which transport vehicles need control. The proposed amendments would also clarify how emission sources that are controlled under another MACT rule are impacted by this rule. Further, the proposed amendments would reduce recordkeeping and reporting requirements to only the information necessary to demonstrate compliance.
- These proposed amendments do not reflect the full set of all the issues raised in the petitions for review and reconsideration. Another amendment will be developed to address wastewater emissions.
- The proposed amendments do not change the level of control required by the 1994 rule. Organic Liquids Distribution facilities subject to today's amendments are already

required to reduce emissions of toxic air emissions.

- There are no costs associated with the proposal rule amendments.

BACKGROUND

- The Clean Air Act requires EPA to identify categories of industrial sources that emit one or more of the listed toxic air pollutants.
- EPA published the final rule for Organic Liquids Distribution facilities on February 3, 2004.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- To download the proposed action from EPA's website, go to "Recent Actions" at the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/>
- For further information about the proposal rule, contact Ms. Martha Smith of the EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards by phone (919) 541-2421 or by e-mail at smith.martha@epa.gov.
- Today's proposal notice and other background information are also available either electronically in EDOCKET, EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, or in hardcopy at EPA's Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC (Docket ID No. OAR-2003-0138). The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center is (202) 566-1742.
- Comments should be identified by Docket ID Nos. OAR-2003-0138 or A-98-13 and submitted by one of the following methods: Federal eRulemaking Portal (<http://www.regulations.gov>); EDOCKET (<http://www.epa.gov/edocket>); e-mail (a-and-r-docket@epa.gov); facsimile ((202) 566-1741); mail (Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 6102T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460); or hand delivery (Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC).
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- The EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) home page on the Internet contains a wide range of information on the air toxics program, as well as many other air pollution

programs and issues. The OAR home page address is: <http://www.epa.gov/oar/>.